Appl. No. 09/886,030

Examiner: Hewitt, James M, Art Unit 3679

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 7, 2003

Date: October 28, 2003 Attorney Docket No. 10111391

## REMARKS

## Present Status of Application

In the Advisory Action mailed on October 7, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the amendments proposed in the response mailed on September 30, 2003 were not entered. As of the mailing of the Advisory Action, claims 1-16 and 22-28 were withdrawn, claims 19 and 30 were rejected, claims 20 and 32-34 were allowed, and claims 29 and 31 were objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this paper, claim 19 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 29. Claim 29 is canceled. Claims 31 and 32 are amended to reflect the amendment of claim 19. Namely, in claims 30 and 31, the term "third switch" in has been replaced by "second switch" and the term "fourth switch" has been replaced by "third switch". Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 30 and 31 relate to syntax only and raise no new issues.

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks contained below.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication in the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003 that claim 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim 19 and any intervening claims. Claim 19 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 29. It is therefore Applicant's belief that claim 19 is in condition for allowance. Insofar as claims 30-31 depend from claim 19, it is Applicant's belief that these claims are also in condition for allowance. Claims 20 and 32-34 have previously been allowed.

## Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502447**. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition

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to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to Deposit Account No. 502447.

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